

Spring Mount Newsletter August 2010

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*Spring Mount Christian
Fellowship
Abbey Road
Barrow-in-Furness*

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship exists to
Reach others for Christ;
Teach about Christ;
Grow in Christ;
Send for Christ.

*Spring Mount Walney
Amphitrite Street
Walney Island*

Please email all notices for September to donna@springmountcf.co.uk by **Friday 20th August**. Thanks.

Update from Walney

Following Alan's time of sharing on a recent Sunday evening, someone was compelled to respond to his cry for help for the situation with the young people here on Walney. Finding a leaflet advertising a tent mission in Morecambe, they went to talk to the team involved about the problems here. When speaking to the organizer, Hilson Carter, they discovered that they had just finished praying for the entire Morecambe Bay and Furness Peninsula area. For the Mission, this person approaching was an answer to their prayers and they were delighted to agree to come to meet people from Spring Mount, as well as make contact with the youth club members here on Walney. Hilson Carter recently retired from running a successful Christian charity helping the homeless, unemployed and underprivileged, and now coordinates a ministry team called *Mission Morecambe*. After an encounter where he felt called to bring the message of revival to the northwest, he began a new ministry in the Morecambe area, www.togethernet.org.uk, working with such names as Bobby Ball, Davey Falcus, Dougie March and John Gaughan.

Over the last three weeks, Hilson has attended the Tuesday house-group on Walney, where he has shared his testimony and vision, while his daughter Libby and her fiancé Ryan have worked with the young people in the youth club. Libby is a beautician and Ryan a professional boxer/wrestler/cage-fighter, which helps them to build relationships with the young people – this in itself is an answer to Frances' prayer. Hilson and his team are keen to continue building closer relationships with the local churches and people in the youth club, with a view to bringing local Christians together to prepare the way for revival in the area. As a result of the initial contact, there are already prayer groups around the Bay and near at hand in Ulverston and Grange.

Over the next few weeks, we are encouraged to concentrate on prayer needs and practical ways of moving forwards.

Immediate practical steps are:

1. Using cars to cover every street on Walney in prayer. Each car to contain a driver and 2 people praying.
2. Setting up a prayer barrier on the bridge, against the movement of the drugs on to the island.
3. Praying for a positive response from, and the involvement of, Christians from other churches.

The passage from 2 Chronicles 7, which was brought to our Fellowship by Helen over a year ago has now been confirmed by Hilson, who stressed the "if" factor.

"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. ¹³ At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. ¹⁴ Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. ¹⁵ My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. ¹⁶ For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honoured forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart."

We realise that many of you are already praying for the situation and give thanks for your support. However, the need is great! If you also feel called to get involved practically, alongside others, please speak to either Frances Couch or Debs Coles.

Prayer points

God's guidance and His will to be done

For the whole situation spiritually and practically

Prayer drives/walks

Protection across the bridge

Unity with other churches

Practical support and sufficient workers

Openness in the community

For everyone working at SM Walney

For the Morecambe team – spiritual strength and wisdom, travelling, interaction with youth, etc

Debs & Frances

Message from the Treasurer

The church has recently submitted its annual Gift Aid claim. If the paperwork goes through OK (and it has not failed in any previous years!), SMCF will shortly receive £5,048 from HM Revenue and Customs. This is a sizeable sum of money, and we as a church are grateful to the government for providing this facility, and grateful to all those in the Fellowship who take up the offer - it really does make a difference.

If anyone wants to know more, including how folks can join in (and it is so easy on the part of the giver), please see me. Note that although the treasurer has to log gifts in order that the gifts benefit from Gift Aid, no one else in the church (including the Leadership Team), know who uses the Gift Aid scheme, the value of gifts given under the scheme, or the regularity or otherwise of gifts given. Paul Hardingham



There is a loop system in all our services. Please remember to switch on.



| Sunday Services | Abbey Road Speakers 11am & 6.15pm | Abbey Road Bible Readings | Walney Speakers 10.30am service |
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| August 1st | Daniel Randall Tim Baalham | am: Own Choice pm: Short time of prayer & worship | TBC |
| August 8th | Tim Baalham Tim Baalham | am: Own Choice pm: Short time of prayer & worship | TBC |
| August 15th | Peter Randall Tim Baalham | am: Report on Uganda followed by picnic lunch in church and slides of Uganda pm: Short time of prayer & worship | TBC |
| August 22nd | Paul Hardingham Tim Baalham | am: TBC pm: Short time of prayer & worship | TBC |
| August 29th | Jonny Harrison Tim Baalham | am: TBC pm: Short time of prayer & worship | TBC |

Sky Dive & Table Top Sale

Barbara & Derek Kirby wish to thank all who supported Derek in his parachute jump for PFJ. The amount raised to date is £1382. They also wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Table Top Sale by donating or helping on the day. The total amount raised was £330 for Blessed Hill Orphanage in Uganda.

There will be a Coffee Morning held at United Reformed Church, Dalton, on Saturday 14th August for Carmel's Orphanage in Kenya. Bric a Brac and unwanted gifts for the Tombola and Raffle would be most appreciated.
Please see Jeanetta or Lorraine for further details.

Birthdays August 3rd Ryan Clyde

A marriage course will be held every Monday from 13th September until 4th October. It is designed for any married couple, irrespective of age and experience, whether your marriage is great or you are going through a tough period. It will look at all aspects of marriage including finances, communication and sex. The course will give the couple fresh ideas on how to deal with the complex relationship of marriage. Places are limited, so if you are interested please contact Tim and Isabela on 07951714946 or Chris and Debs on 07827660097, or email info.marriage.course@gmail.com

Premier Radio is taking the government to the High Court to protect Christian liberty and witness across the UK. This is in response to an advert about Christians being increasingly marginalized in the workplace being rejected as it is seen to be politically motivated. We can do something by signing the 'declaration of support' form available in the foyer. Please take the time to do this - we can make a difference.

Senior Moments No meeting in August

There will be a prayer morning at Abbey Road from 9am - 12noon on Saturday 25 September when we will have an opportunity to pray for all that is going on in Spring Mount and in the wider community. Please put the date in your diary.

"If you, who are called by my name, will humble yourself and pray and seek my face and turn from your wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive your sin and will heal your land." 2 Chronicles 7 :14

Please support Liz Bowes & Mari Bondevik as they climb Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, to raise money for vulnerable and at-risk communities around the world with PFJ Ministries. You can sponsor them at www.everyclick.com/kilimanjaro or on the sponsor form at the back of church. Thanks!

Most of you will now be aware that 5 of us are going out to Zambia on 20th August to work with Ruth Wallis. We would like to take things over for her, but unfortunately we are VERY restricted due to the small internal plane we have to use. However, she has asked for some DVD's with "nice films"—suitable for family viewing and some worship CDs, as well as a laptop and an external CD drive. If anyone has any of these they would like to donate to Ruth can you please give them to Shirley. She will also be grateful for donations of small stationery items (pens, rulers etc) Thank you.

Chapterhouse Theatre Production Company are performing *Pride & Prejudice* in Holker Hall Gardens, on Sunday 15 August, starting at 6pm. Adults £12, Students & children £8, Families (2+2) £35, 10% discount for groups of 10 or more. If anyone is interested in going, please see Frances for further details.

Please continue to pray for the 'Bus' ministry and also 'Healing on the Streets' which will be fortnightly from August 7th. There has been a good and positive response to both ministries so far. Pray for the impact on our town.